

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 385

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor Coleman Walker on the occasion of his induction into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in recognizing those media professionals who have attained significant milestones in their respective careers; and

WHEREAS, Coleman Walker of Lebanon is a fifty-five-year veteran of local radio who has served with distinction as a host for WCOR and WANT; and

WHEREAS, a 1958 graduate of Lebanon High School, Mr. Walker began working part time at WCOR AM in February 1961, just before beginning his full-time radio career when WCOR FM signed on the air in September 1962; and

WHEREAS, his first appearance on the air was a somewhat inauspicious beginning; he was serving as the WCOR house announcer on a Sunday morning when the broadcast of religious services from the Wilson County Baptist Association was followed by a similar program from Adams Avenue Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, during the bridge between the two remote broadcasts, Mr. Walker became so flustered that he failed to announce the station identification or read the promotion; he subsequently told management that he would prefer not to work on Sundays in the future; and

WHEREAS, with the exception of a brief period in the late 1970s when he tried his hand in print journalism at the launch of the *Wilson World* newspaper, Coleman Walker worked full time in radio until May of 1986; and

WHEREAS, now a full-time licensed insurance agent with Walker and Phillips Insurance in Lebanon, he has continued working part time in broadcast radio since 1993, when he began

hosting a daily morning show focusing on community affairs and events for WANT and WCOR;
and

WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Walker has developed a trademark slogan; when he signs off the air, he always closes with "Have a Marvelous Monday/Terrific Tuesday/Wonderful Wednesday/Tremendous Thursday/Fantastic Friday," to the great delight of his audience; and

WHEREAS, his singular talents and influence as a radio host were recently recognized by his induction into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame, a most befitting honor that pays tribute to Mr. Walker's tenure as the dean of local radio; and

WHEREAS, Coleman Walker is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Helen; their three sons, Clark, Brian, and Mike; and their grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Walker has demonstrated a remarkable commitment to informing and entertaining his community, thus winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers, his listeners, and the Lebanon community; and

WHEREAS, we wish to recognize and commend Coleman Walker on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Coleman Walker upon his much-deserved induction into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame, salute his fifty-five-year career in local radio, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.